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Save the Date for Records Protection Conference

The North Carolina State Archives and the State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) will sponsor “Before Disaster Strikes: Networking to Protect Our Records,” a conference targeted for records managers, state and local agencies and cultural depositories, November 14, 2007 at the McKimmon Conference Center in Raleigh.

“Before Disaster Strikes” will highlight the importance of building networks among emergency management agencies and cultural institutions that hold official records, documentary, and special collections vulnerable to damage during natural and human-caused disasters. Sessions will address record types and protection, disaster preparedness and response, resources and partnerships, risk management, and continuity of operations. Representatives of state and local governments, museums, archives and libraries, country managers, emergency personnel, and any anyone with oversight for record protection are encourage to attend.

This conference is the first component in a two-year effort to educate and advise cultural institutions and depositories about the importance of developing disaster preparedness plans. Following the fall conference, the State Archives and the SHRAB will conduct regional workshops throughout the state to assist depositories in developing individual disaster preparedness plans.

A formal announcement about the conference and detailed information will be available later in the summer, so watch here for more news. For more information about these disaster preparedness activities, contact Andrea Gabriel at the North Carolina State Archives, 919-807-7326 or andrea.gabriel@ncmai.net.